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## PROBE COMMITTEE HITS PYTHIAN HARD

### Warden Of Prison Charged With Misconduct In Report

(Louisville Times)  
By L. V. Armentrout.

Frankfort, Ky., March 10.—The probe committee which inspected the State institutions made its report in the House this afternoon and made charges that Warden T. M. Phythian, on the statement of W. L. Hawkins, formerly connected with the reformatory, sold 38,200 lbs. of scrap iron to S. T. Marcus of Frankfort for 65 and 66 cents a hundred, for which the State received \$180. Hawkins testified that he saw the railroad scale weights, and Marcus said there was other iron on the car.

The committee also charges that A. F. Mitchell delivered three truckloads of hogs in 1919 to Henry Knight in Louisville and one load to a Mr. Jeffries. Three of these loads belonged to the State and one belonged partly to the State and partly to the warden, the report says.

It also says Bowen Henry hauled two truckloads of hogs to Louisville during 1919, one load belonging to the State and the other containing hogs belonging to the State and the warden. The committee places the value at \$500 or \$600 on each truckload.

A minority report in course of preparation, it is said, will undertake to show that all of the State hogs were accounted for.

The committee says the warden kept his cows and horses in the State barn and supplied milk to be sold to convicts. The price for the milk was reasonable and the warden exhibited bills for \$1,100 for feed purchased for the stock.

With regard to the missing whisky the report says eight cases of whisky were bought at the Stag Distillery for \$188 and that five cases of Stag whisky were shipped to Mrs. Kate Mahler, mother of the secretary of Governor Stanley.

**Say Whisky Is Found.**  
The committee visited Mrs. Mahler's house at Henderson and found some Stag whisky there.

Warden Phythian, the report says, testified that the whisky had been sent to the reformatory at the instance of Governor Stanley and was not bought with State money, and was not kept with the commissary whisky.

The committee reports that in August 1918, \$36 worth of lumber was purchased from the Lyons Lumber Company, delivered at the reformatory and reloaded on the warden's wagon and sent to his farm in charge of Tom Woods, a convict. The warden denies this.

The committee charges "that the warden was getting foodstuff from the commissary to supply his table, including fresh vegetables." It also says sugar was left at the gate, according to S. E. Mobley, former gatekeeper, with instructions from the warden to deliver it to persons who would call for it.

The report then refers to keeping Stanley's dogs at the reformatory and the purchase of supplies for the mansion through the prison. The committee stated that receipts and checks for various amounts of groceries purchased this way were exhibited and it is possible all were paid for, but condemns the practice "Favoritism" Criticized.

The committee criticized what it termed "favoritism" at the prison and "discrimination" against the Frankfort Chair Company and Hogue-Montgomery Company, contractors, in favor of the Reliance Manufacturing Company. It states that the latter gets convict labor for 50 cents a day while the others pay 85 and 95 cents, that there is discrimination in the assignment of the convicts and advises that the contract with the Reliance Manufacturing Company be canceled as soon as it can be done.

With regard to pardons by Governor Stanley the committee mentioned one case, that of William Oels Reynolds, serving a term for seduction. The committee stated that after Governor Stanley had refused a pardon on application of L. P. Tanner, of Owensboro "the father of the young man, then applied to Gates Young, who contracted with the

father that he would obtain the pardon for \$100. In a few days young obtained the pardon and received \$100."

The committee said it received a communication from Young acknowledging receipt of the \$100, but stating that he made several trips to Frankfort and the \$100 was in the nature of expenses.

The committee criticized the houses of reform for supplying milk to the families of officers and then giving to the inmates milk from which the cream had been separated. It also said there was one guard for every five inmates.

The only criticism at Eddyville was that the Warden kept his chickens at the prison.

The Eastern and Western State Hospitals, the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf were complimented.

Bills passed this afternoon were the Roth bill, extending life of the Council of Defense for two years, and the Hudson bill, authorizing the Louisville School Board to issue advance certificates to its Normal School graduates.

### MRS. HOMER MARTIN COMMITTED TO ASYLUM

Mrs. Homer Martin, of near Buford, was brought before the County Court Monday, where and when an inquest into her sanity was held; whereupon she was committed to the Western Kentucky Asylum for confinement and treatment. The derangement of Mrs. Martin's mind was brought about by poor health during the past 12 or 15 years, and recently, perhaps more than once, she had tried to take her own life, so it is said. She was a daughter of Rev. C. C. Taylor and was reared near Bell's Run, this County.

### HARTFORD GIRL MAKES COMMENDABLE RECORD

Lexington, Ky., March 8. Miss Elizabeth Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davidson, of Hartford, has done commendable work in the College of Arts and Science of the University of Kentucky. She had enough credits to graduate last semester but desired to do more work so continued her studies. She has done major work in Romance Languages and minor work in Education and German in which she is so proficient as to be a substitute teacher when needed. Her record is exceptional in that she has made the majority A's and a few B's. Last semester all her grades were A's.

Besides being a good student she is interested in all the various activities of the University. Last semester she was Treasurer of the Horace Mann Literary Society and is now serving as Vice President of that organization. She is also a member of the Philosophical Library Society, Romance Language Club, Rafinesque Botanical Club, Young Women's Christian Association, Ti-Cor Psychology Club, and Republican Club.

(In our local columns, last week's issue, we made mention of the grades made by Miss Davidson in the examination at end of last semester, but since that date we have received the foregoing from the University Press Association and publish same in full.)

### MRS. WHITTAKER

Mrs. Bettie Whittaker, wife of S. L. Whittaker, died at her home near Hefflin, early last Friday morning, of heart trouble. Mrs. Whittaker had recently recovered from an attack of influenza, and while not strong, she had regained her normal condition and her death was altogether unexpected.

After funeral services, conducted by Rev. Landreth, the remains were interred in the Woodward's Valley burying grounds.

### NOTICE!

#### Road Overseers and Road Hands.

Please pitch into the roads just as soon as they can be worked at all. The County has eight graders and will rent or hire any others and also Martin Ditchers for EARLY ROAD WORK. Call on your magistrate for lumber or other supplies.

At least such work as filling up bad holes in the road and opening up the ditches on the side for drainage purposes can be attended to right away.

A. D. KIRK,  
County Attorney.

## CALL FOR PRECINCT MASS CONVENTIONS

Pursuant to order and direction of the Republican State Central Committee the Republicans of Ohio County are hereby called to meet in mass convention in their respective Precincts, at their usual voting place, Saturday, March 20, at 1 o'clock, p. m., standard time, for the purpose of electing a member of the Republican County Executive Committee from each precinct, as provided by Party law.

Republicans are earnestly urged to attend the meeting in their Precincts and see that the very best man is selected for the important position of Precinct Chairman and member of the County Committee.

This March 10, 1920.  
E. G. BARRASS Ch'm'n.  
W. S. TINSLEY, Secy.

### MISS WILLYE SMITH WITH COMMISSION IN GERMANY

Miss Willye Smith, a Hartford lady, who joined the American Red Cross forces and went to France late in the year 1917, or about the first of 1918, left that service on February 14, there being but little further use for Red Cross activities of the nature in which she was engaged. Miss Smith accepted a position with the American Rhineland Commission at Coblenz, Germany, joining the Commission February 15.

Miss Smith has entered into an agreement to serve with the Commission for one year, and the probabilities are that she will remain for even a greater length of time, as it was created for a period of five years service and only about one year of the time has expired. Miss Willye has many friends here whose best wishes go with her in her new field of labor.

### DAVIDSON—RALEY

Mrs. Francis Raley and Mr. T. S. Davidson, both of Beaver Dam, were united in marriage at the former's home, Wednesday at noon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Moore, of that place.

Mr. Davidson was a former citizen of the state of Tennessee, but has been residing in Beaver Dam for the past three years and is an industrious and respected citizen. Mrs. Davidson was originally Miss Francis Shaver, being a daughter of Henry Shaver, deceased, born and reared in the Shinkle Chapel country, and highly respected. Each of the parties are 54 years old.

### CARL Lisle DEAD.

Mr. Carl Lisle died at his home in Taylor Mines, Sunday, after a protracted illness of tubercular trouble. Funeral services and burial of the remains took place Monday at Bethel, near Horton.

The deceased was 67 years of age and is survived by one son, Wavy Lisle.

### LOUISVILLE MARKET.

Cattle—Prime heavy steers \$11.50 @ 12; heavy shipping steers \$11 1/4 @ 11.50; medium steers \$10 @ 11; light steers \$9 @ 10; fat heifers \$8 @ 11.50; fat cows \$7 @ 9.50; medium cows \$5.25 @ 7; cutters \$4.75 @ 5.25; canners \$4.50; bulls \$6.50 @ 9.50; feeders \$8 @ 10.25; stockers \$7 @ 9.25 choice milk cows \$10 @ 12; medium \$7 @ 10; common \$5 @ 7.  
Calves—Market steady on choice veals at \$14.50 @ 15. Big supply of medium and lighter calves that are extremely slow sale at low prices.

Hogs—Prices unchanged, with an active outlet for the best offerings. Best hogs 250 pounds up \$14.25; 165 to 250 pounds \$15.25; 120 to 165 pounds \$15; pigs 90 to 120 pounds \$13; 90 pounds down \$11.25; throwouts \$11.75 down.

Sheep and Lambs—Demand continues firm, with few changes in values. Best lambs \$15; strictly good higher; lighter kinds \$10 @ 12; best sheep \$7; bucks \$6 down.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

Eggs—Candled 40c dozen.

Butter—Country 30c lb.

Poultry—Hens 30c lb.; large spring chickens 25 @ 30c lb.; small spring chickens 25 @ 30c lb.; old roosters 15 @ 16c lb.; stags 20 @ 24c lb.; ducks 22 @ 25c lb.; turkeys 35 @ 40c lb.; geese 16 @ 19c lb.; guineas @ 35 cents apiece.

## SENATE MIX DELAYS VOTE ON PEACE PACT

### Compromise Hopes Fading, Plans Of Both Sides Disrupted.

London, March 10.—With the official notification announced today of the accession to the League of Nations of Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Holland, all but two, namely, Salvador and Venezuela, of the thirteen nations nonsignatories of the Versailles treaty, invited to become original members of the league, have definitely accepted. Salvador has signified its intention of joining the league, but Venezuela has not yet declared its intention.

Washington, March 10.—The peace treaty compromise negotiations entered a period of fevered uncertainty today as the time approached for final Senate action on Article X.

Working desperately for an agreement, senators on both sides of the chamber confounded the plans of their party leaders and threw the Senate into such a tangle that it tacitly was agreed to delay a vote for several days in the hope that all elements might be more certain of their ground.

The hopes of the compromise advocates collapsed and were revived hourly as the day's negotiations proceeded in private conferences while debate on the floor dragged on without apparent interest or effect. Tonight the conference continued, with some senators hopeful and some hopeless of the outcome, but with no one confident of what might happen.

It was the treaty's irreconcilable Republican opponents who started the trouble by remonstrating in a militant way against the decision of some of their party leaders to assent to a modified draft of the Republican reservation to Article X. So effective were their representations that the leaders virtually decided not to offer the new reservation.

### Caught in Cross-Fire.

This determination sent some of the mild reservation Republicans on the warpath and produced confusion also on the Democratic side, where senators had labored several days to line up votes for the Republican substitute. Caught in a cross-fire from Republicans and reservation Democrats, the Republican leaders withheld their final decision, but indicated that they probably would present the substitute if assured of enough Democratic defections to adopt it.

Meantime disagreement among the Democrats became more pronounced, partly as a result of a meeting in the office of Senator Owen, Democrat, Oklahoma, at which a number of Democratic senators are understood to have expressed disapproval of the course of their party leaders and to have promised active support to the movement to break away from President Wilson and accept the best compromise they could get.

Among some Republican advocates of compromise it was declared tonight that thirty-two Democratic votes could be mustered for the Article X substitute, and there were indications that unless the Republican leaders did present it one of the Republican mild reservationists might do so. It also was suggested that if the Republicans abandoned it entirely it might be presented by a reservation Democrat.

### Taking No Chances.

While virtually the entire Senate membership was occupied with these negotiations, the Article X reservation technically was taken up for debate in an almost deserted Senate chamber. But the irreconcilables were taking no chances that the unsettled situation would result in a stampede, and they got the floor and kept it. Senators McCormick, Republican, Illinois, and Poindexter, Republican, Washington, occupying the entire day with attacks on the treaty and on the recent utterances of President Wilson.

Countering the efforts of the Democratic reservationists, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, the administration leader, spent a busy day in conference with his colleagues, seeking to hold enough in line to balk the ac-

ceptance of a distasteful compromise. He held to his prediction that the compromise movement would fail, although he conceded that a considerable number of Democrats were ready to vote with the Republicans.

### TAX SUPERVISORS BUSY THIS WEEK

The Ohio County Board of Tax Supervisors met here Monday, for the purpose of equalizing assessment returns of the County Tax Commissioner, and adding and distributing the increase of \$100,000.00, as ordered by the State Board.

Notwithstanding the County Judge has designated or appointed some four or five individuals from the Rockport District, up to yesterday afternoon, due to sickness and other causes, none of the appointees could serve. It is practically certain, however, that a good man from that district will be on the Board today.

The Board as constituted is as follows: From the Hartford district, C. I. Maxey; Beaver Dam, Clarence Dennis; Centertown, Nat Lindley; Bartlett, John H. Davis; Fordsville, V. A. Matthews; Rosine, H. C. Crowder; Sulphur Springs, N. B. White.

Notices of the Board's action will be sent to the individuals affected, at once, and not at another meeting to be held sometime next month, as the Hartford Herald states in its article on the matter.

### FISCAL COURT TO MEET MARCH SIXTEENTH

An order has been entered in County Court calling the Fiscal Court to meet in special session March 16. The main purpose of the special session is to consider and devise some method of maintenance and care of the public roads, although the call provides for the transaction of any business properly brought to the Court's attention.

We are not informed as to methods or system under consideration by the Fiscal Court for road maintenance and improvement, but we do know that something ought to be done to bring about a change in the deplorable condition of our roads.

We all realize the County's need for more revenue for road purposes, but under the present taxing system the securing of more funds appears to be next to impossible. So it seems that we must make the most of what we have, and if the Court can do something to better present conditions it ought to have the thanks of everybody, excepting, of course, a few who are constitutionally opposed to spending money for anything not for their direct, individual benefit, and then some would be very much pleased to have the other fellow put it up.

### WITNESSED BURIAL OF 8 GENERATIONS

My great, great grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Stevens, was born 1739, died 829; Henry Stevens, my great grandfather, was born 1784, died 1874; Richard Stevens, my grandfather, was born 1808, died 1894; Henry Stevens Jr., my father, was born 1831, died 1871; Finley Stevens, a brother, was born 1857, died 1880; Joseph Stevens, my son, born 1898, died 1900; Robert Stevens, my grandson, died 1915. The seven generations or members of seven generations were all buried at the Carson burial grounds at Noreek, and with the exception of the first, I have witnessed the burial of all.

W. F. STEVENS.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Only three permits to wed have been issued during the past week, as follows:  
Fount S. Fieldon, Fordsville, to Lola L. Westerfield, Fordsville.

Jesse W. Smith, Horton, to Marie Black, Route 2, Hartford

T. S. Davidson, Beaver Dam, to Francis Raley, Beaver Dam.

### COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

The Ohio County Board of Education met here Saturday with Superintendent E. S. Howard and the following members present: R. A. Owen, H. C. Lake, C. R. Renfrow and Otis Stevens. Besides the election of a number of trustees and quite a lot of other business transacted the Board elected Claud P. Renfrow of Dundee, secretary for the present year.

## GOOD CONFERENCE HELD IN OWENSBORO

### Home Service Secretaries Of Red Cross In One Day Meeting.

(Owensboro Messenger, Mar. 9.)

The one day conference of home service secretaries of the district yesterday at the federal building Red Cross headquarters, proved very satisfactory. Practically all of the secretaries arrived in the city Sunday and the conference began at 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

Miss Kathryn Gallagher, of the Lake Division headquarters at Cleveland, case correspondent, in the morning session discussed case problems and went into detail as to after care of clients, Miss Elizabeth Moore, of Hartford, led a discussion on federal board problems, which was followed by a round table discussion.

Following lunch at the Rudd, future chapter administration was outlined by Miss Ola Mae Arrick, district field agent, also of the Lake Division headquarters at Cleveland. Her talk included first aid, care of the sick and disaster relief.

Four towns in Western Kentucky are to be declared depots for disaster relief and it is possible Owensboro may be declared one of these depots, owing to its situation both as to rail and river facilities. Surveys of the towns will be made upon their selection, which will include hospital facilities, housing conditions, the food situation, clothing, and river facilities, including Green river, the number of boats and their owners.

Mrs. Mary Martin, of Greenville, an overseas Red Cross nurse outlined the plan of the Greenville Red Cross, which has recently established a community center, which is the home of the county agent, county home demonstration agent, home service secretary of the Red Cross, community nurse, and which is later to include a rest room for women, a reading room for men, a cafeteria and other comforts for the community. Eight men bought the building formerly owned by the Y. M. C. A. and through the Red Cross it is becoming the community center. A moving picture machine will shortly be included in the equipment and later a Red Cross recreational program will be put on for that county.

The local secretary outlined "Office Administration and How Simplified." Besides the Cleveland guests those attending were Miss Elizabeth Moore, Hartford; Miss Dagg, Hopkinsville; Mrs. Mary Smithson, Calhoun; Mrs. Mary Martin, Greenville; Miss Kathleen Wilson, Madisonville; Mrs. Fred Hume, Providence and Miss Eva Mauzy, Dixon.

### WILL LOCKET GOES BY ELECTRIC CHAIR

Petrie Kimbrough, alias Will Locket, self-confessed murderer of little Geneva Hardman and three other women, paid the price for the last crime committed, in a legal execution yesterday morning, near 4 o'clock, via the electric chair. The doomed negro had spent considerable time in song and prayer and had stated that he was not afraid to die. Locket previously confessed to the murder of three other women.

Two brothers of the hounded girl, together with several others, from Lexington, who were permitted to witness the execution, which rings down the curtain on Kentucky's recent, most regrettable chapter written in the blood of a half dozen of her sons.

### ELMER V. MILLIGAN

Died—On February 13th at his home in Muscogee, Okla., Elmer V. Milligan, who was reared in Ohio County, going to Oklahoma about 27 years ago where he has since resided.

He was sick only a short time, of influenza, which developed into pneumonia, which caused his death. Mr. Milligan leaves a wife and three daughters and one sister, Mrs. H. U. Moore, of Owensboro.

His funeral was held in Muscogee, at the C. P. Church, being conducted by the Odd Fellows Lodge, of which he was a faithful member.